



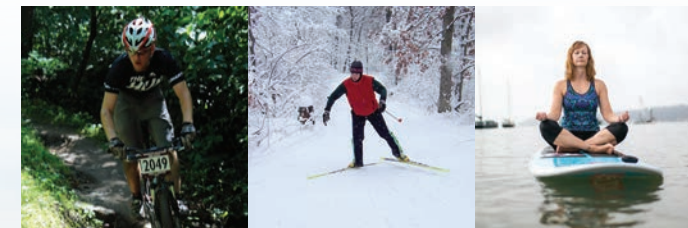
Orono Park (Signature Park of Elk River)
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THE NATURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

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COVERING ALMOST 1,100 ACRES



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Nature is central to Elk River's community -- with 45 parks covering almost 1,100 acres, over 75 miles of paved walkways, and a myriad of hiking and biking trails throughout the city. Residents can also take advantage of our Bailey Point Nature Preserve, Elk River Activity Center, Elk River Arena, and annual farmers market, plus adult softball and volleyball leagues.

Being a family-oriented community, Elk River offers a variety of youth programs as well, including preschool tumbling, soccer, flag football, basketball, t-ball, skating, hockey and much, much more.

OUR SIGNATURE PARKS

Hillside Mountain Bike Park

Is home to six miles of challenging mountain bike trails. Volunteers built and maintain these trails, which travel through 80 acres of oak forest.



Orono Park

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Orono Park is 45 acres in size and includes a fishing pier, swimming beach, sand volleyball courts, dog park, mature oak trees and a destination playground. Launch your boat to enjoy fishing, water skiing, and just skiing. Three park shelters with electricity are available to rent.

[A Destination Park]



340 ACRE PARK

Woodland Trails Park

- Walking
- Paved Biking Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Bird Watching
- Photography

River's Edge Commons Park

- Mississippi River
- Amphitheater
- Splash Fountain
- Picnic Gazebo
- Weddings
- Riverfront Concerts



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Visit us at www.ElkRiverMN.gov

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COMMUNITY PROFILE



Where Community & Business Comes Naturally

Community | Development | Accessibility | Growth | Employment

ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA

NATURE - COMMUNITY - RECREATION



Business comes naturally to Elk River. So much so that it's become one of the fastest growing business communities in Central Minnesota.

Since its incorporation in 1881, transportation has played a significant role in the growth of this business-friendly community. Its location on Highways 10, 169, and 101, along with its close proximity to Highway 94 and MSP International Airport, makes it the ideal address for outward migrating companies from Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Cloud, and beyond.

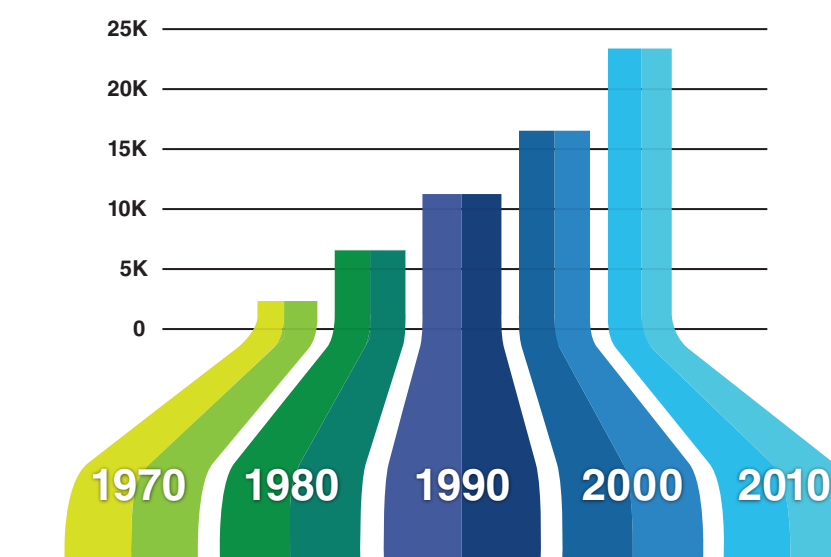
Besides its convenient location, Elk River offers a wealth of housing opportunities. From new construction to century-old colonials, homes of all styles and price ranges are available, helping to create a thriving and diverse population.

We're confident you'll find a community powered for progress and a city powered by nature.

Take Part in our Growth

Growth — and a steady one at that — has been essential to the economic vitality of Elk River. In 1990, Elk River had approximately 11,239 residents. Over the past two decades, the city has grown nearly 52% to over 23,000 residents.

Elk River Population

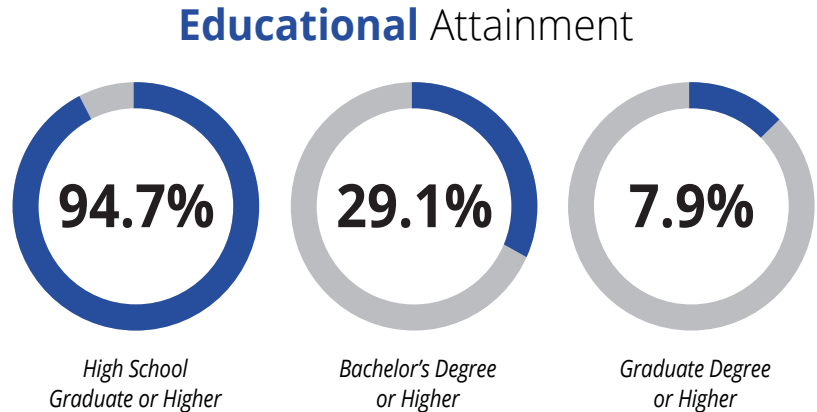
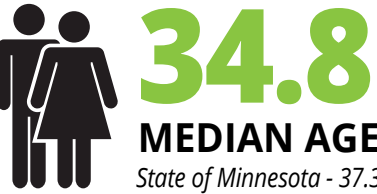


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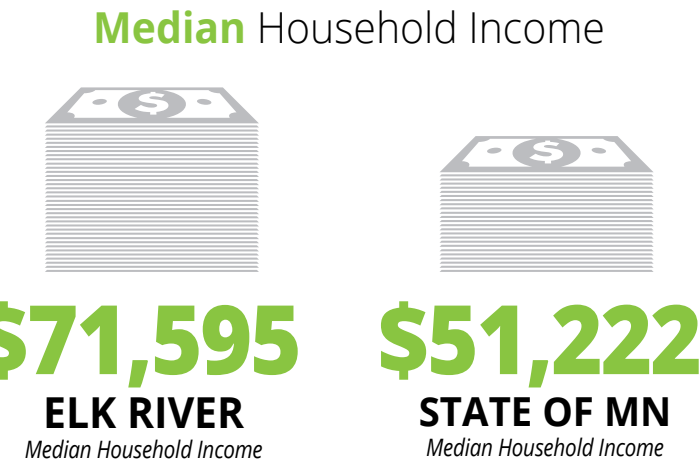
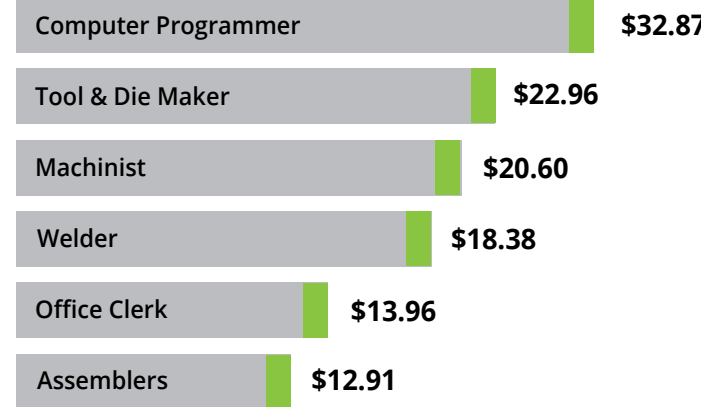


GET TO KNOW OUR **COMMUNITY**

You'll enjoy getting to know the people of Elk River. They're welcoming, enterprising, and assured — not to mention young and educated, too! The median age in Elk River is approximately 34, while more than half of our workforce (nearly 69%) has completed some level of postsecondary education, with the majority earning a bachelor's degree or above (nearly 30%). Just take a look at the numbers...



Occupations In Elk River



OPPORTUNITIES IN **EDUCATION**

K-12 Education

The **Elk River Area School District** is the **eighth largest school district in the state of Minnesota**, serving approximately 12,500 students in its nine elementary schools, four middle schools, and four high schools. Rogers Elementary School, Salk Middle School, and Elk River High School have each earned a reputation for providing outstanding educational opportunities to students through STEM and AVID programs

CAMPUS	WEBSITE	GRADES	STUDENTS
Lincoln Elementary School	www.lincoln.elkriver.k12.mn.us	K-5	515
Meadowvale Elementary School	www.mval.elkriver.k12.mn.us	K-5	609
Parker Elementary School	www.parker.elkriver.k12.mn.us	K-5	494
Twin Lakes Elementary School	www.twinlakes.elkriver.k12.mn.us	K-5	844
Salk Middle School	www.elkriver.k12.mn.us/salk	6-8	861
VandenBerge Middle School	www.elkriver.k12.mn.us/vandenberge	6-8	567
Elk River High School	www.senior.elkriver.k12.mn.us	9-12	3782
Spectrum School	www.spectrumhighschool.org	K-12	390

In addition to the District 728 Public Schools, Elk River is home to a number of parochial and charter schools, as well as the Ivan Sand Community High School, an alternative-learning center for grades 8-12.

Higher Education

The **City of Elk River** also offers a variety of opportunities in **higher education**, with 19 public and private colleges in the area. Two industry-leading schools of science and engineering — the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas — are just 35 minutes from the city, while the Minnesota School of Business, with degree programs in business management, software application development, and server administration, is near the Downtown District of Elk River.

CAMPUS	WEBSITE	CITY	STUDENTS
Anoka-Hennepin Technical College	www.ank.tec.mn.us	Anoka	2,891
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	www.anokaramsey.edu	Coon Rapids	12,552
Minnesota School of Business	www.msbccollege.edu	Elk River, Richfield, Plymouth, Etc.	10,000
St. Cloud State University	www.umn.edu	St. Cloud	15,416
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	www.stcloudstate.edu	Minneapolis	51,853
University of St. Thomas	www.stthomas.edu	St. Paul	10,316

#2 IN MINNESOTA
in Math of the top 10 school districts in enrollment.

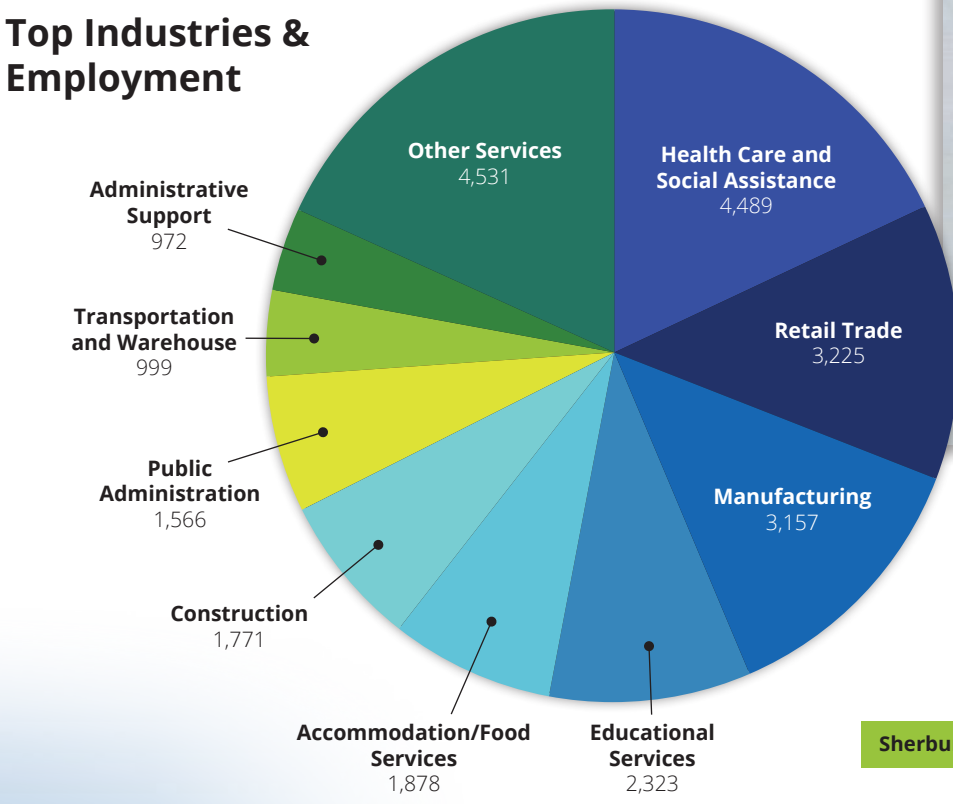
GRADUATE

THE NATURAL CHOICE FOR **BUSINESS**

Elk River has long been the natural choice for business. We attract employers from a variety of different industries, with two Fortune 50 data centers, two medical-device technology manufacturers, four energy-related companies, and a high concentration of metal product fabricators already part of our flourishing business community.

But Elk River is still investment ready, with plenty of space available for retail, commercial, and industrial expansion.

Top Industries & Employment



Local Business Trends

- Approximately **75.6% of businesses are small** (under 10 employees), while another **19.4% are mid sized** (between 10 and 49 employees)
- Average job growth of **14.7% from 2008 to 2013**
- Health care provided the largest segment of job growth** in Sherburne County, accounting for 44% of new jobs

Workforce & Unemployment Rates

	People in Workforce	Unemployment Rate
Sherburne County	49,286	7.3%
Minnesota	2,977,919	6.4%
United States	153,616,666	8.9%

reference date goes here

The Convenience of **Location**

Elk River makes business fun & accessible. Besides being located just 35 miles outside of Minneapolis, we offer a variety of transportation options to make business much more accessible for new and expanding organizations.

- Easy access to sports stadiums
- Short ride to arts, culture, and shopping
- Located on three major highways, including 10, 169, and 101; within minutes of US Highway 94
- Three airports, one of which being MSP International Airport, within 60 miles or less
- Freight rail transit via BNSF Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway, both Class I Railroads
- Light rail transit via the Northstar Commuter to Minneapolis, Coon Rapids, Fridley, and surrounding areas, with planned expansions between Big Lake and St. Cloud

COMMUNITY SERVICES & **UTILITIES**

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Clinics**
- Allina Medical Clinic (Elk Ridge Health)
 - Fairview Northland Clinics
 - North Memorial Clinic
 - NovaCare
 - NOW CARE Medical Centers
 - Health Partners River Way Clinics

Nearest Hospitals

- Mercy Hospital (Coon Rapids) - 14 miles
- New River Medical Center (Monticello) - 12 miles

MAIL SERVICES

- | Service | Contact |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Elk River Post Office | 800.275.8777 |
| FedEx Office | 763.241.4651 |
| UPS Office | 763.633.7050 |

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- Central Bank
- First National Bank of Elk River
- Spire Credit Union
- TCF Bank
- The Bank of Elk River
- US Bank
- Wells Fargo Bank

TRANSPORTATION

- Highways**
- Interstate Highways: 7 miles to I-94
 - Federal Highways: U.S. 10, U.S. 169
 - States Highways: 101

Rail

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe
- Northstar Commuter Train
- Amtrak Passenger Train

Bus

- | Service | Contact |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Northstar Link | 888.528.8880 |
| Speco Charter Service | 763.374.2114 |
| Vision of Elk River | 763.441.4420 |
| Tri-CAP Inc. Transportation | 800.600.7498 |

Air

- Anoka County/Blaine Airport - 25.3 miles
- St. Cloud Regional Airport - 39.2 miles
- Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport - 49.8 miles

WATER

- | Municipal Water Source | Wells |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Storage Capacity | 4,000,000 gallons |
| Pumping Capacity | 10,000,000 gallons p/day |
| Tap Water Hardness | low-medium level of all substances |
| Peak Demand | 5,000,000 gallons p/day |
| Total Sales | 727,912,000 gallons |
| Rates and Billing | 763.441.2020 |

ELECTRICITY

- Elk River Municipal Utilities - www.elkriverutilities.com
 - Peak: 61 MW
 - Reliability: 99.99% Reliable
 - Annual Energy Sales: 270,000,000 kWh
 - # of Customers: 9,358
 - Rates and Billing: 763.441.2020
- Connexus Energy
 - Rates and Billing: 763.323.2650

NATURAL GAS

- Center Point Energy
 - Rates and Billing: 800.245.2377

SANITARY SEWER

- Elk River Municipal Utilities
 - Plant Capacity: 2,200,000 gallons p/day
 - Average Demand: 1,200,000 gallons p/day
 - Rates and Billing: 763.441.2020

REFUSE/RECYCLING

Provided by the city through contracts with private haulers

- Elk River Municipal Utilities
 - Rates and Billing: 763.441.2020

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- Century Link Communications
 - Rates and Billing: 1.800.244.1111 (Residential)
 - 1.800.603.6000 (Business)
- Windstream
 - Rates and Billing: 866.445.5880

CABLE TV

- Charter Communications
 - Customer Service: 800.581.0081